



Moscow City Council

Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday
February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Kathryn Bonzo Council President, Gina Taruscio Council Vice President, Art Bettge Councilmember, Brandy Sullivan Councilmember, Anne Zabala Councilmember, Bill Lambert Mayor

ABSENT: Jim Boland Councilmember

STAFF: Gary J. Riedner, Bill Belknap, Kevin Lilly, DJ Scallorn, Jen Pfiffner, Laurie M. Hopkins

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Moscow City Council January 16, 2018 Minutes – Laurie M. Hopkins

B. Mountain View Road, 6th to Joseph Street Design Agreement - Kevin Lilly

The Mountain View Road, 6th to Joseph Street Federal Aid Project is the next phase of the City's efforts to improve the full length of one of our most important arterial roadways. The project is being funded (92.66% federal aid/7.34% local match) through the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council's (LHTAC) Local Urban Program and will improve the road from an existing two lane rural section to a 36 ft.-wide urban section with sidewalks, curb and gutter, green strips, turn lanes where warranted, upgraded illumination, and a roundabout at the intersection of 6th and Mountain View.

The Concept Report for the project was prepared by JUB Engineering, Inc. (JUB) and was approved by the City Council on July 21, 2014. Since that time, the project has been delayed due to funding issues within the Local Urban program, but it is now on track for construction in FY2023 or FY2024 with \$2.6M allotted for construction. Right-of-way funding in the amount of \$102,000 will become available in FY2019 and the project is expected to be "shovel ready" by FY2021 should early funding become available.

The attached agreement to complete the roadway design, geotechnical studies, and environmental clearance has been negotiated with JUB in the amount of \$261,500.00. This item was reviewed and recommended for approval by Public Works/Finance Committee at the January 22, 2018 meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the attached agreement with JUB Engineering, Inc. or take such other action deemed appropriate.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Gina Taruscio, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Art Bettge, Councilmember
AYES:	Bonzo, Taruscio, Bettge, Sullivan, Zabala
ABSENT:	Jim Boland

2. Staff Recognition Report - Gary J. Riedner

None offered.

3. Mayors Appointments

None offered.

4. Public Comment and Mayor's Response Period (limit 15 minutes)

Joann Muneta, 203 S Howard St, Moscow, thanked the mayor for reinstituting the poverty forum. She complimented Council and staff for getting the information out on the Third Street corridor but didn't understand how Plan D came about.

Riedner responded the memorandum in the packet for the meeting tomorrow explains the origin of Plan D.

Amy Ball, 601 E 3rd St, Moscow, representing Citizens for a Livable Community (CLC), hoped the Mayor and Council read the Daily News article by Dr. Ayad Rahmani. He volunteered to organize and conduct a Saturday workshop that could result in ideas for the intersection of Third Street and Paradise Creek to make the creek a source for unity and community, rather than a conduit for the other side of the city. The CLC hopes the City will sponsor such a workshop.

David Hall, 1334 Wallen Road, justification for motorized vehicle bridge over Paradise Creek at Third Street. He created statistics from the public comment period and shared them as well as a few of the comments. He proposes making a paradise park with a modest bicycle bridge.

Garrett Thompson, 1010 Pine Crest Rd, Moscow, appreciate the staff work on the 3rd St Bridge and will be happy when construction begins.

5. Moscow Arts Commission Annual Report - Kathleen Burns / Lauren McCleary

Lauren McCleary listed the members of the Commission and described the working groups. Projects the Commission will focus on for 2018 will be continuing the strategic planning process, the public art library installation, vinyl wraps, a new bus shelter art piece, and the change of the Intermodal Transit Center sculpture.

6. Website Update - Jen Pfiffner

Pfiffner opened the City's website and went through the new features and described the menu's.

7. Paradise Creek Floodplain Study Project - Bill Belknap

The Moscow Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) has been working with a developer to potentially redevelop three properties currently addressed as 213 Spotswood, 225 Spotswood and 222 Troy Road, all located within the Legacy Crossing District Urban Renewal District and just east of the South Couplet. Through the course of completing its due diligence work, the developer identified that the subject property is located within the mapped 100 year floodplain and any new structures placed upon the property would be required to be elevated approximately three feet above current property elevation. Further examination appears to indicate that the current floodplain boundary may be the result of outdated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map data which includes three bridge crossings that no longer exist and which previously presented an obstruction to flood waters. The

MURA has completed an initial assessment and is requesting the City to advance the study to the next phase in partnership with the MURA, which has approved partial funding of the study.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve City project contribution of \$5,000 from line item #101-120-10-642-40 and \$3,000 from Non-Prioritized Projects, line item 101-010-10-670-16 for Phase II of the floodplain study; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Belknap introduced the item as written above, described the property and floodplain insurance requirements. Belknap detailed the previous floodplain maps and remapping through the years. There are 29 parcels impacted and located in this current boundary. Fourteen of those parcels are located within the Legacy Crossing district. When the MURA considered funding a study to assess the current floodplain map, it was broken out in three phases. Phase I takes the old model into the new modeling software, removes the bridges no longer in existence and adds the US95 bridge back in the map to see if there would be significant reductions. If Phase I indicates substantial reductions, Phase II would be field surveys. Phase III would include assistance and support in preparation and processing of the letter of map revision application to FEMA.

Alta Science and Engineering completed Phase I which did show large revisions were needed. Alta felt there would be some reductions but to determine the extent of those would require Phase II. Belknap showed initial model results at each station moving upstream and explained the numbers.

From the Agency's perspective and trying to promote redevelopment of properties within the District, they felt Phase II is necessary and appropriate to pursue. Alta provided an estimate for Phase II of \$15,891. MURA funded Phase I and is seeking a partnership with the City to share the cost of Phase II. Staff has identified \$5,000 within the Community Development budget that could be utilized and Riedner provided a memo recommending \$3,000 could be used from Council Non-prioritized. The timeline Belknap estimates would be approximately four weeks for Phase II. Council can then review results and determine whether sponsoring a letter of map revision and if so, FEMA needs four months for review. Gary explained non-prioritized projects in the Legislative budget is for City Council discretion for projects not anticipated at the beginning of the budget year.

City contribution of \$5,000 from line item #101-120-10-642-40 and \$3,000 from Non-prioritized Projects, line item #101-010-10-670-16 for Phase II of the floodplain study was approved by roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathryn Bonzo, Council President
SECONDER:	Anne Zabala, Councilmember
AYES:	Bonzo, Taruscio, Bettge, Sullivan, Zabala
ABSENT:	Jim Boland

8. Change in Meeting Schedule Due to Presidents Day - Gary J. Riedner

Due to the Presidents Day holiday falling on a Monday, per Moscow City Code Title 2, Section 2-1, the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2017.

ACTION: Confirm February 20, 2017 Council meeting date.

Riedner explained the schedule for Council meetings and asked for acknowledgement by the City Council. The Council members confirmed.

Reports

City Council

Parks & Recreation Commission - Bonzo reported the Commission received reports on the Indian Hills Park, a pamphlet for pool education and a master plan update. The MHS buddy club presented regarding a wheel chair swing in East City Park.

Palouse Knowledge Corridor - Bettge reported the group is planning another bootcamp and bringing forth a list of deliverables for both Moscow City Council and Pullman City Council.

Moscow Urban Renewal Agency - Bettge - Sangria development agreement has been signed which indicates construction towards end of July; working on annual report; appointed new Treasurer Brittany Gunderson, replacing Riedner.

Planning & Zoning Commission - Zabala discussed Comprehensive Plan updates from SEC and Tree.

Fair and Affordable Housing Commission - Zabala said the Commission talked about Syringa and workshops.

Other meetings and events were discussed.

Mayor

Mayor Lambert said many elected officials attended the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) City Officials Day at the Capitol. He has AIC board meetings every Friday during the legislative session. The Poverty on the Palouse session had a ton of energy and next meeting will be March 1st.

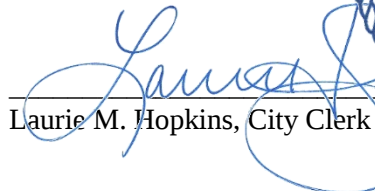
Staff

Riedner reminded the Council of the monthly breakfast meeting Wednesday morning. There is a general health and wellness fair February 15th, jointly sponsored with Latah County and Moscow Chamber of Commerce, and will include a blood drive. There is also a fund raiser for Sojourners February 9th.

Adjourn

The meeting was closed at 8:12 PM

ATTEST:


Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk




Bill Lambert, Mayor

To: Linda Pall
 Subject: Re: Great article and many thanks!

Dear Linda:

I am very happy you liked the article and that you sent it to the city council. I wish I had more space to write; I wanted to elaborate on the virtues of turning the spot into an amenity, balancing out Moscow's lopsided urban organization. Maybe next time. If you and the Moscow community can convince the city council to conduct a design workshop; I could engage students, perhaps in conjuncture with Idaho, to come over one afternoon, perhaps on a Saturday, and over the course of, say, 3 hours come up with ideas that can make crossing the creek a source of unity and community and not merely a conduit to the other side of the city.

Best wishes,

Ayad

----- Original Message -----

From: "Linda Pall" <lpall@moscow.com>
 To: "Ayad Rahmani" <arahmani@sdc.wsu.edu>
 Cc: "Linda Pall" <lpall@moscow.com>
 Sent: Saturday, February 3, 2018 3:22:47 PM
 Subject: Great article and many thanks!

Dear Ayad,

You did a wonderful job with your article! I was hoping that people would read to the end, though. Journalists know that people read, at most, two paragraphs and that's where the article needs to make the points you want the reader to take away but I think your work here shows WHY that old rubric is actually fallacious!

I read on and wanted more. I especially wanted EVEN more when I got to the end because of my effort with the original efforts in a civic presentation early on when a very boring design was considered and I was able to get people to think about "the Third Street Knights of the Round Table" and think about stealing an idea from a Portland homeless shelter that put in a round concrete table with various sliced pillars of different heights put around the table as stools for guests/participants to sit on, plus a 'garden' of containers around the creek area and some modest additional landscaping including the existing willows and edges of the private property on both north and south sides and the edge next to our New pedestrian bridge across the creek, protecting people from dumping themselves or their vehicle into the creek and allowing access if necessary for the engineer people to clean out the creek when things get trussed up.

Again, I'm most thankful for your excellent article and sent it to the existing City Council to make sure that they read it!

Linda Pall

From: "Linda Pall" <lpall@moscow.com>
Date: Monday, February 05, 2018 6:33 AM
To: "Ayad Rahmani" <arahmani@sdsc.wsu.edu>
Cc: "Linda Pall" <lpall@moscow.com>
Subject: Re: Great article and many thanks!

THANKS AYAD!!! What a generous offer! I am going to forward your message to the Mayor and Council to make sure they are aware of this offer!

Many thanks and then some!!!

All the best,

Linda

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These 'equal signs' symbolize the equality for all people that we seek in the law and in society and reminds us that every day there is more work to do to achieve this goal.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ayad Rahmani
Sent: Sunday, February 04, 2018 11:39 AM

AMY BALL 601 East Third Street/ Moscow, Idaho 83843

February 5, 2018

Mayor Bill Lambert
Members of the City Council
Moscow City Hall
Third and Washington
Moscow, Idaho 83843

Request that Moscow Accept Ayad Rahmani's Offer of Design Workshop
Dear Mayor Lambert:

One of the officers of Citizens for a Livable Community (Dr. Linda Pall) expressed her appreciation about the column Professor Rahmani wrote for the Moscow/ Pullman Daily News February 3-4 Weekend Edition. In response to her appreciation and congratulations, Professor Ayad volunteered to organize and conduct a Saturday workshop, perhaps with the cooperation of the University of Idaho Architecture program, tht would result in developing ideas for treatment of the intersection of "Third and Paradise" to "make crossing the creek, a source of unity and community and not merely a conduit to the other side of the city," in Professor Ayad's words.

CLC, Inc., proposes the City sponsor such a workshop and CLC, Inc., will cooperate in this effort as needed by the City. We think this is a very positive possibility and one that is consistent with purposes of our organization. We appreciate the efforts of the City to listen to its citizens. Your willingness is a refreshing effort to help the City and its citizens to come together for a positive future.

I think that using the positive energy and creativity of Moscow citizens will give the Planning Department and the Public Works Department some terrific strategies and ideas for the "Third and Paradise" intersection and the Third Street connection to Moscow's very important center! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

AMY BALL
President, Citizens for a Livable Community

cc: Ayad Rahmani; Lee Rozen; Linda Pall

BIZ VIEW

Third Street bridge and the making of community

The argument against the Third Street bridge in Moscow is twofold. The first has to do with flow, the other with the reputation of Moscow as a town steeped in community. The two overlap, but each has its own trajectory as well.

Flow is important to towns and cities, not least because it ensures economic strength and a less stressful way of life than congestion. Who wants to sit in traffic jams when an alternative route offers continuity and speed? But flow can also be misleading, generating in those who champion it a blind spot against the opposite, not con-



**Ayad
Rahmani**

*Buildings
and Lives*

gestion of course, but some form of slowness. It's an old joke at the expense of traffic engineers that much like an obese person may wish to fight obesity by loosening his belt, so do traffic engineers fight congestion by widening streets. The point is this: just as allowing one's waist more room to expand is not the answer to weight gain, so is adding infrastructure seldom the answer to traffic problems.

Slowness may be bad for cardiac health but it is good for building community. Through it, neighbors get to develop relations, communicate and not merely wave. Otherwise, we would be like atoms bouncing around from spot to spot without care or recognition that our happiness is in large part the product of our ability to connect.

John Helliwell, a leading researcher in the economics of happiness, put it this way. "If 10 percent more people thought they have someone to count on in life, it would have a greater

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Geoff Crimmins/Daily News

This photo looks west on Third Street with Mountain View Road in the foreground and Paradise Creek just beyond the truck.

INSIDE BUSINESS



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January sees big pay gains for US workers
Latest economic report shows increase in wages | 2C

Amazon's quarterly profit tops \$1 billion
Online retailer benefited from tax law, holidays | 2C



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A QUESTION?**

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and let us know.

...say it's difficult to determine the true impact of such laws because dozens of other factors influence where companies decide to locate, such as energy costs and access to transportation.

per day.

Some of the extra workers this year will be part of Google's pledge to have 10,000 people across the company snooping out videos and other material that violate the company's policies — but which

now set the company up to capture growth in the future — in the same call with investors that he touted self-driving vehicles developed by Alphabet's Waymo unit, which aim to do away with human drivers entirely.

can serve up ads; vowed to manually review every video in its most popular channels for 18-to-34-year-olds; and will pay outside companies to ensure that brands don't have their ads turn up next to unsuitable videos.

ticality," Colburn said, noting Google's "massive" double-digit revenue growth and cash hoard of \$102 billion.

Revenue at Google parent Alphabet rose 24 percent from a year ago to \$32.32 billion.

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over the Main Street space once used for Scott's House of Flowers, but didn't have the resources available when the owners left.

In the meantime, Heather began publishing *Home and Harvest Magazine*, a locally focused history and lifestyle

magazine distributed across the Palouse and Lewis-Clark Valley.

When the Second Street location, once home to Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse, opened up last summer, they saw their chance.

"Tony said 'Let's do this,'" Heather said.

Little Shop of Florals designs arrangements not only for personal requests, but for occasions like weddings, funerals, dances and births. They deliver flow-

ers as well, and businesses can have new flowers sent to their offices weekly through a subscription with Little Shop of Florals.

The shop has pre-made designs for fast pick-up, but Tony said they usually try to take time with a customer to tailor their flower arrangement.

They hope to continue making their business more locally sourced. They currently sell locally made decorations and plan to sell local pottery and wildflowers

in the future.

Heather said they are grateful for the number of locally owned business in Moscow, including those that supported her magazine. They hope their shop can serve as a thank you to those businesses.

"Local business is literally everything," she said. "It is our town."

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Bridge

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effect on national life satisfaction than giving everyone a 50 percent raise. Our trust in neighbors, police, government and even total strangers has a huge influence on happiness."

Indeed, meeting face to face and knowing your neighbors well is more than a mere luxury or a touchy feely thing we do to pass the time. It is critical to our well-being. Unfortunately, urban

slowness doesn't happen by accident but requires planning. Traffic calming features such as rounded and billowy curb features and speed bumps are good, but better is recognizing natural elements and building around them.

This way when we encounter a tree, a rock outcropping or a river, instead of, say, a traffic light or a stop sign, we don't slow down under the auspices of codified behavior but those of context and place. If the first is ameliorative and has the effect of unifying us, the second is coercive and has

the effect of putting us on guard, wary of the world around us.

None of this should mean that we stop building bridges over rivers and creeks; of course we will, not the least because our economic order demands it. But it does mean that we seek to protect our natural resources to the best of our ability, see in them an amenity and not merely a nuisance we step over.

A better use of the intersection between Third Street and Paradise Creek would be to turn it into a pocket park, stepping down, amphitheater style, to the

water, inviting play and generally a restorative communion with nature. The design could double as a pedestrian and bicycle connection between the two sides of the creek, perhaps a modest paved bridge, serving as a catalyst for the community to gather.

Moscow needs these outlying amenities. As it stands, the city is at risk for appearing like a one pony show with Main Street being the only expression of communal connectivity. Drive out in any direction from the center and before too long the close-knit association of buildings

and spaces begins to give way to anything goes, almost as if conspiring to deny the center a meaningful hold on society.

It is more than critical that the town finds a way to connect center with edge. Small but important, Third and Paradise must match Moscow's reputation as a well-integrated community, complementing the language of Main we all like.

Ayad Rahmani has been with Washington State University since 1997 and is an associate professor in the School of Design and Construction.

Paradise Park (at Third)

I'd like to hear each council-member's justification for building a motorized vehicle bridge over Paradise Creek at Third Street and Mountain View Road.

There is a large amount of evidence and justification against a motorized vehicle bridge.

Of the 103 comments from the public comment period for the Third Street traffic-calming study, 41 asked that the bridge not be for motorized traffic or noted that more study is needed. And that count does not include the 21 letters to the editor and six editorials submitted by Citizens for a Livable Community. While these comments were slightly off-topic, they indicate the importance of the bridge project. More than 50% are opposed.¹

I won't rehash the reasoning, but note comments opposing a motorized-vehicle bridge from informed citizens including former mayor Nancy Chaney, local traffic expert Michael Kyte, former councilor Kit Craine, former councilor Linda Pall, former Latah County commissioner Mark Solomon, (former) Valley Transit Executive Director Tom LaPointe, David Nelson, and David Hall.

↑ Anthony Kuipers for the Daily News editorial board

Spending around \$1 million for a bridge that few want will likely leave a sour taste in the mouths of the Moscow citizenry to support the expected upcoming bond for a new police station.²

I propose making a *Paradise Park (at Third)*, with a modest pedestrian-bicycle bridge.³

David Hall, 1334 Wallen Road, Moscow

Traffic-calming comments against a motorized bridge at Third Street and Mountain View Road, plus Moscow-Pullman Daily News letters to the editor and editorials, comments before the Moscow City Council, etc.

¹ (41 comments + 21 letters + 6 editorials = 68) / (103 comments + 21 letters + 6 editorials = 130) = 52% opposed

² See Linda Pall, Mike Dambra

³ See Linda Pall, Ayad Rahmani (Daily News' "Biz View")